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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. EGYPT UNDER ATTACK

EMBASSY CAIRO AGREES WITH THE GOE ASSESSMENT THAT MOST EGYPTIANS CAN BE COUNTED ON TO WELCOME THE NEW PERIOD OF "GUARANTEED" STABILITY BROUGHT ON BY THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS EXPRESS CONCERN, HOWEVER, OVER THE DEARTH OF ARAB SUPPORT. THEY REPORT:

--THE VIRULENCE OF THE SYRIAN ATTACK RANKLES THE GOE MOST--THERE IS FEAR THAT THE ANTI-SADAT LINE MAY SETTLE INTO A CONCENTRATED CAMPAIGN ALLEGING AN EGYPTIAN-SAUDI AXIS MANIPULATED FROM WASHINGTON.

--ONLY THE SAUDIS ARE STANDING 100 PERCENT WITH EGYPT.

-THE OFFICIAL JORDANIAN DENIAL THAT AMMAN RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SATISFACTION STARTLED THE SECRET

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GOE.

--QADHAFI, SURPRISINGLY, HAS SO FAR SAID NOTHING.

THE EMBASSY SPECULATES THAT SADAT'S GOOD-NEIGHBOR POLICIES
VIA VIS ARAB STATES AND HIS LEASHING OF EGYPTIAN INTELLI-

GENCE AND COVERT OPERATIONS MAY HAVE CREATED A SITUATION
WHEREIN NO ONE FEARS EGYPT'S REACTION ANY LONGER. (CON-
FIDENTIAL) CAIRO 8755, 9/5.)

2. DENKTASH TALKS TO THE BRITISH--UDI?

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY INFORMED AMBASSADOR MACOM-
BER THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH HAD TOLD HIM:

--HE HAS NO LATITUDE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LINE OF
DIVISION IN CYPRUS; ONLY ANKARA CAN DECIDE AND IT WILL
NOT ACT.

--IF THE TURKS CONTINUE TO FORCE HIM INTO A CORNER, HE
WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER DECLARING INDEPENDENCE.

--HE WILL ASK SYG WALDHEIM NOT TO PRESS HIM AT THE NEW
YORK TALKS TO NEGOTIATE A DIVISION.

--HE WAS MISLED INTO AGREEING TO THE NEW YORK DATES,
REALIZING TOO LATE THAT THEY COINCIDED WITH US CONGRES-
SIONAL DELIBERATIONS ON THE EMBARGO.

--IF THE GREEKS RAISE THE CYPRUS QUESTION AT THE UNGA
HE WILL ALSO CLAIM THE RIGHT TO SPEAK. (CONFIDENTIAL)
ANKARA 6835, 9/5.)

3. PORTUGAL: SOARES OUTLINES GOVERNMENT UNITY PLAN

SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES ON SEPTEMBER 3 CALLED FOR A
GOVERNMENT OF "NATIONAL SALVATION" TO BE FORMED BY THE
SOCIALISTS (PS), COMMUNISTS (PCP), AND THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS
(PPD) TO SAVE THE COUNTRY FROM THE "TOTALITARIAN SOCIALISM"
WHICH THE PCP HAS ATTEMPTED TO IMPOSE THROUGH GONCALVES.

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THE PS POLICY STATEMENT:

--BLAMES THE CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS ON DEVIATIONS
FROM THE AFM PLATFORM OF DEMOCRATIC, PLURALISTIC SOCI-
ALISM.

--PROPOSES A ROLE FOR THE PCP IN A NEW GOVERNMENT ONLY
IF IT RENOUNCES EFFORTS TO OBTAIN POWER BY FORCE.

--SPELLS OUT MEASURES TO ASSURE POLITICAL PLURALISM IN
THE MEDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT, REAFFIRM AUTHORITY OF THE
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, ASSURE FREE ELECTIONS, DEMO-
CRATIZE THE TRADE UNIONS, AND ELIMINATE CIVILIAN MILI-

TIA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) LISBON 5162, 9/5.)

4. SUDAN COUP: WHAT HAPPENED?

EMBASSY KHARTOUM OFFERS TENTATIVE ANALYSES OF YESTERDAY'S FAILED COUP:

--THE COUP LEADERS' SYMPATHIES, AS EXPRESSED IN HASSAN HUSSEIN OSMAN'S INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, SEEMED TO LIE WITH RIGHTIST RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS, SUCH AS THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD.

--THE QUICK SUCCESSION OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS WHO SPOKE ON RADIO IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AUGURS A STRENGTHENED REGIME UNDER NIMEIRI'S LEADERSHIP.

EMBASSY CAIRO REPORTS THE STATEMENT OF EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY CHEF DE CABINET AL-BAZ THAT THE GOE IS PLEASED THE COUP CAME TO NOTHING. AL-BAZ DECLARED, "WE ARE IN ENOUGH TROUBLE IN THE ARAB WORLD WITHOUT ANOTHER SERIOUS PROBLEM ERUPTING ON OUR DOORSTEP." (CONFIDENTIAL) KHARTOUM 2090; (UNCLASSIFIED) KHARTOUM 2089 AND (SECRET) CAIRO 8742, 9/5.)

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